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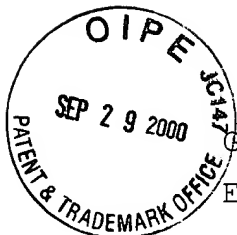
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For : CONTRAST-ENHANCED DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING
METHOD FOR MONITORING INTERVENTIONAL
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith:

- 1) A petition to correct the filing date of the above-identified continuation application in accordance with 37 C.F.R.S 1.10(d), and
- 2) A statement that the petition is being filed promptly after we became aware of the mistake in accordance with C.F.R.S 1.10(d) (1).

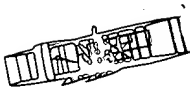
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Dear sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d)(1), I declare that the attached petition is being filed promptly after I became aware of the mistake in the recorded filing date. The application was sent by Express Mail on September 8, 2000. The return postcard was received by us on September 18, 2000. The attached copy of the postcard shows an incorrect "Date-In" of September 11, 2000 and, although illegible on the copy, a post mark of September 14, 2000. we request that the filing date be changed to September 8, 2000. Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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